

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner



DATE:

April 3, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Nature Kist Snacks -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in Indiana. The recalled items have been sold to various distributors and internet sales throughout the United States. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

## Nature Kist Snacks Issues Nationwide Voluntary Recall of In-Shell Pistachio Nuts Due to Possible Health Risk

## Contact:

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- Stockton, CA (April 1, 2009) – As a follow up to the voluntary recall of roasted shelled and inshell pistachios announced by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. on March 30, 2009, Nature Kist Snacks announced today that it is voluntarily recalling Nature Kist and Holiday Nut branded in-shell salted pistachios listed below, as a precautionary measure because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella.

To date, the Company has not received any reports of illnesses in connection with the items listed below.

No other code date, package size or flavor is impacted. These are the only Nature Kist Snacks product impacted by this recall. This voluntary recall is not related to the recent peanut/ peanut butter recalls.

Consumers who have recently purchased the items listed below should not consume this product and should return it to the store of purchase for a full refund or replacement. The Company is also asking its customers, such as wholesalers/distributors, who have resold the recalled items, to notify their customers that the items listed have been recalled.



Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Consumers with any product of the date and package size noted above can contact Nature Kist Snacks Consumer Affairs at 1-800-733-6887.

## Item Description:

The following items have been sold to various distributors and internet sales throughout the United States:

NKS ITEM CODE	RETAIL UPC	BRAND	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT WT. UM	SELL BY DATE
FL SM656SP	Sample Paks	Nature Kist	Salted In Shell Pistachios	.50 oz	Produced 02-23-09
FL 241M	0 70334 00241 4	Nature Kist	Salted In Shell Pistachios	1.5 oz	Dates between: Jan 26 10 and Mar 04 10
FL 65621M; FL 659C; FL 673C	0 70334 00656 6	Nature Kist	Salted In Shell Pistachios	3.5 oz	Dates between: Sep 10 09 andMar 11 10
FL 67321M	0 70334 00657 3	Nature Kist	Salted In Shell Pistachios	5 oz	Dates between: Sep 11 09 and Feb 04 10
HB 5CC867; HB 5CSF867; HB 5CSF907; HB 1SG806; HB 3CR903; HB 1STY801; HB 1SR801;HB 3CSF850; HB 5CSF867; HB 5CW867	Internet Sales	HolidayNuts	Salted In Shell Pistachios	1lb; 2lb; 4lb	Dates between: Aug 29 09 and Nov 30 10
HB GH600	Internet Sales	HolidayNuts	Salted In Shell Pistachios	42oz	Dates between: Aug 29 09 andNov 30 10
WP621	WP621	Bulk	Salted In Shell Pistachios	16oz	Produced on: 09-09-08 thru 03.11.09